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**ELECTION** 

Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks

Honorable Commissioner:

I enclose the following papers:

1. ELECTION

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed December 19, 2005, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse Invention I, claims 1-11, drawn to a tent enclosure, classified in class 135, subclass 156.

Based on the restriction requirement, Applicant lists inventions readable thereon as follows:

Invention I: Claims 1-11, drawn to a tent enclosure, classified in class 135, subclass 156

Invention II: Claims 12-19, drawn to a method of assembling an enclosure, classified in class 135, subclass 156

Applicant agrees the subject invention covers two different inventions. However, applicant disagrees with the restriction for other reasons.

A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exists that inherently would include separate prior art scarches, examinations, examiners, etc.

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The examiner has not stated that separate searches and separate examiners and separate art units are necessary to examine these inventions.

Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. Separate prosecution can create an unnecessary financial burden for both the Applicant and the Patent Office. If both Invention I and Invention II can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

For these reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement,

In reference to the restriction requirement, Applicant again wishes to make their election to prosecute the Invention I, claims 1-11 with traverse. If further restrictions are merited, please let us know.

Thus, for the above reasons, the restriction requirement is not proper and Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement,

Respectfully submitted:

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